

CBO 2003 Summer Internship

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Jenny Lin
New York University
M.P.A.

Not your average experience, a CBO internship offers a wide variety of opportunities to interact with economists and policy analysts on substantive projects: writing cost estimates, formulating budgetary forecasts, and developing econometric models. Along with those fascinating challenges are countless opportunities to attend seminars hosted by CBO staff as well as Congressional lectures and hearings on the Hill. As a nonpartisan institution, CBO offers interns the chance to delve deep into the policy processes of the federal government. This experience can further advance the knowledge and skills integral for success in your future endeavors.



Heath Brown
George Washington University
Ph.D., Public Policy



David Conway
University of Albany
M.P.P.

"From the start, the office was welcoming, and I felt fully immersed in the division's research agenda. My main project was to solve an optimization problem that dealt with consumption, labor, and retirement decisions. After a dynamic programming solution was found, I developed a computer simulation to solve for individuals' behavior when they face uncertainty in future income, according to the model. I would definitely recommend the CBO internship program to graduate students who are looking to get involved with policy research at a quantitative level."

Jason Harburger
University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., Economics



Paul Anir
Columbia University
M.P.P.



Jeffrey O'Hara
University of California
Ph.D., Economics



"My internship with CBO has been a true pleasure and an excellent educational experience. My project involved estimating the effects of malpractice reforms on Medicare expenditures. I was given the opportunity to work on a publication from beginning to end, from a literature review to empirical analysis. The staff at CBO are highly intelligent people whose passion for their research is inspiring and whose work is clearly well respected by policymakers."

Sabina Ohri
University of California, Ph.D., Economics



Emine Boz
University of Maryland
Ph.D., Economics

"The best thing about the CBO internship is that I am not just an intern but considered a professional."

Julie Clements
American University, M.P.P.



Tina Highfill
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University
B.A., Economics



"Working in CBO's Budget Analysis Division allowed me to more fully understand the complexity of several national income support programs. After a warm welcome, I was quickly put to work writing statistical analysis programs that projected the long-term status of pension insurance programs. Soon thereafter, I found myself making phone calls, performing Internet research, and meeting with other CBO staff to estimate the cost of a bill. Throughout the internship I regularly attended Congressional hearings, weekly intern lectures, and think-tank briefings---all of which added to an incredible summer experience."

Van Swearingen
University of California, M.P.P.



Michael Waters
Harvard University
M.P.P.

"CBO is a fantastic place to begin application of economic theory. By participating in this dynamic program, I was extended the opportunity to use my own academic knowledge on current economic policy issues. Primarily focusing on tax analysis, I worked extensively to model unemployment insurance benefits and consumption tax scoring. Such topics, when coupled with the reputation of CBO, provided a stimulating experience."

Michael Neal
Morehouse College, B.A., Economics



Anik Shah
University of North Carolina
B.A., Political Science/Public
Policy Analysis



Natalie Fries
U.S. Naval Academy
B.S., Quantitative
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